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A BOOK TO MAKE AN EPOCH.

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The Proposed Book Fair.

CIRCULAR FROM THE COMMITTEE OF THE A. B. T. A.

AT the annual meeting of the American Book-Trade Association, held at Put-in Bay in July last, a committee was appointed with power to establish a semi-annual book fair, to take the place of the present trade sale. At this fair it was contemplated that publishers should offer special terms to the trade, but that the auction element should be discontinued or greatly modified.

The great objects to be secured by the proposed book fair are: 1st. A general assembling of the book trade from all parts of the country once or twice a year. It is believed that every bookseller ought to visit the large publishing marts at least once a year, in order that he may keep fully posted on all new books, and thus be able to conduct his business in an intelligent and enterprising manner.

The book fair must present attractions and inducements sufficient to make it for the interest of every bookseller to attend. If the bookseller and publisher can thus come face to face once or twice a year, each will stimulate in the other a spirit of enterprise.

2d. Some mode of selling books must be fixed on which will not force on the market a large number of books which are not wanted, and which are sold at prices ruinous to the publisher, and in turn are used by the purchaser (who finds them dead stock) to break down regular prices to consumers.

Can these results be accomplished? Many difficulties are in the way, and the committee desire to avail themselves of the best plans which may have been thought out by any bookseller or publisher.

The committee will meet Thursday, January 7th, 1875, before which time we would ask any and all who have given thought to this matter, to forward their plans to the committee, giving in a clear and distinct form their ideas in detail of any plan which they think could be successfully carried out.

It is of the first importance that the wants of the trade be fully met in this matter, or success can not be expected.

WM. H. APPLETON,
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The other members of the Committee are A. S. Barnes and Isaac E. Sheldon, of New-York; Wm. Lee, of Boston; J. B. Lippincott, of Philadelphia; General McClurg, of Chicago, and Martin Taylor, of Buffalo; to any of whom communications on this subject can be addressed.

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It now remains for Philadelphia to do likewise with Boston and New-York. The whole question now centres in that city, and the responsibility of making or breaking the American book trade rests virtually with the heads of the trade in the city of brotherly love. We trust this new era of fraternity in the book trade will not be broken down in a city whose name is so prophetic of helpful association. It is not only the interest of others, but an enlightened self-interest, which should induce Philadelphia to come up to the standard of the other cities in this matter. It has here its opportunity to earn the gratitude of the whole American trade by coming promptly forward at this juncture, or else to put itself in opposition to all the rest of the trade, by refusing to do what for its own interests and others' it ought. It is proposed to call a meeting of the Philadelphia book trade next week, or soon after, and we trust that by that time the dealers of Philadelphia will be so reasoned with in love, or will so profitably meditate by themselves, that they will be ready to join heart and hand in the reform with which all but themselves are so thoroughly associated.

WE call the especial attention of the trade to the announcement printed elsewhere of the committee on Book Fair, of the A. B. T. A. It is of the utmost importance that this committee, before it meets, should have the fullest suggestions from all the members of the trade, as to the reform desired in this direction, and the best methods of organizing such a Fair. The general reform can not be carried through, unless the trade-sales are satisfactorily reorganized into some such Fair as that contemplated; and the present undertaking can not be a success unless the trade at large take part in it, and offer their best advice.

THE Board of School Directors of Galveston, Texas, have taken the work of bookselling into their own hands, in the most remarkable way. As a certain firm of that city had made the lowest bid for supplying books to their schools, they decided that no advertisements of any other house should be permitted in any of the schools. The opposition booksellers consider this a curious misuse of the law; and we certainly agree with them, that an attempt of any school authorities to influence the patronage of scholars in the direction of any one bookseller rather than another, is quite beyond the duties of their position, and should meet with severe rebuke.

THE editor of the *London Bookseller* is certainly a man of singularly impartial mind, when he is able to give such praise as he gives, in the last number, to an American reprint of an English work. He has just seen the well-known edition of Smith's Bible Dictionary, edited by Prof. Hackett and Dr. Abbot, and published by Hurd and Houghton: The Riverside Press; and after enumerating the points in which it is superior to the original edition, closes with the words: "In short, it seems that we have to thank America for the most complete work of the kind in the English, or, indeed, in any other language."

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LITERARY AND TRADE NEWS.

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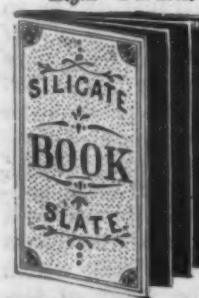
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